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confident to say that I've got the votes. Now I want to make sure that we get another shot at it. This is within the rules to accomplish that. I think it is going back to the idea that this is the best proposal for the majority of us, including all of us to adhere to LR 7, to get close to zero, to maintain community of interest, and to also create districts that are contiguous and compact and something that I think a majority of us would welcome. So I support the motion to reconsider. I would encourage you, if you voted for my amendment, to do the same. And I'd also encourage you after we move to reconsider to again vote on AM2095. The significance of this is probably not of drawing lines, but a matter of fairness and a matter of drawing lines based on our guidelines. And that's what I think we should be shooting at. I know people in Lincoln and Omaha say, how does this affect me? Well, it affects you to the extent that we all have the same rules to go on. And if the rules that we've provided and if the lines that are drawn do exactly in rural Nebraska what they did in Omaha, I believe that should warrant a green vote. So if you didn't vote on the bill, I would encourage you to vote to reconsider as well and also to vote for the advancement of AM2095. So I would encourage the motion to adopt the reconsider.

SPEAKER KRIENSEN: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in support of the reconsider motion, and I think that it's out of acting in good faith in hoping to arrive at a compromise that I think is reasonable, meets the guidelines set forth in our resolutions and that I think can be done. I do have some things that I would just like to emphasize from prior conversation and that's the fact that the AM2095, the Erdman amendment, I believe brings about some integrity to the electoral process in terms of boundaries and the intent of redistricting. Now I've exhibited some flexibility along the way, and I would hope that other parties could also be flexible. And when we talk about sizes of districts, Senator Jones in District 43, actually District 43 for the last ten years has been huge, has been huge. And so now Senator Jones happens to live, and I believe that residence of the incumbent is certainly secondary to many, many issues, if not all of them, of redistricting. And he lives a great